

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Introduction:

Claims 376-379 and 382 are newly canceled in this amendment. Claims 375, 383, 392, and 401 are newly amended to include subject matter identified by the Examiner as allowable. Applicants request entry of this amendment and reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

This amendment should be entered because the amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance. More specifically, the indicated allowable features of claim 382 have been amended into claim 375, and claims 392 and 401 have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the features of independent claim 375. (There were no intervening claims.) Moreover, claims 404-426 were indicated as allowable by the Examiner in the office action. Consequently, claims 375, 392, 401, and 404-426 are clearly in condition for allowance. All remaining claims that do not depend from one of the foregoing claims have been canceled. Therefore, all claims pending following entry of this amendment should clearly be in condition for allowance.

Applicants express sincere appreciation for these indications of allowable subject matter and ask for the quickest possible notice of allowance.

Continuing Data:

In the specification, the continuing data has been amended to correctly correspond to the Patent Application Data Sheet dated December 28, 2001, which corresponds to the continuing data found on PAIR for the above-identified patent application.

Rejections:

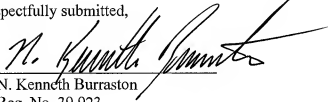
Claims 375, 380, 381, 400, 402, 403, 427, and 428 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Japan Patent No. 02-250327 (Hisaki), and claims 376-379, 391, and 399 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious in view of Hisaki. Additionally, claims 376-379 are rejected under 35 USC § 112. Applicants have canceled claims 376-379, and as discussed above, have amended the remaining claims to include, or to depend from a claim that includes, subject matter identified as allowable in the office action. Therefore, in view of Applicants' amendments, the rejections are moot.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all of the remaining claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicants' attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (801) 323-5934.

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